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SUBJECT: PROPOSED MNC DISCUSSIONS

REF: STATE 097500

1. EMBOFFS ADVISED GOA OF USG INTEREST IN HAVING MNC DISCUSSIONS IN CANBERRA. M. W. HUGHES, ECONOMIC POLICY BRANCH, DEPT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, STATED THAT GOA PROBABLY INTERESTED IN TALKS, BUT FINAL APPROVAL WOULD COME FROM HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOA.

2. GOA WILL TAKE UNDER ADVISEMENT USG PROPOSED VISIT AND EMBASSY WILL BE INFORMED IN NEXT FEW DAYS.

3. HUGHES RECOGNIZED THE SENSITIVITY OF SUCH DISCUSSIONS BECAUSE GOA HAS STATED PUBLICLY THAT MOST DECISION-MAKING ON URANIUM AND NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE WOULD AWAIT COMPLETION

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OF THE RANGER INQUIRY.

4. OF RELATED INTEREST, DAILY AUSTRALIAN REPORTED THIS
A.M. THE RATHER SENSATIONAL STORY THAT TOP-LEVEL OFFICIAL
JAPANESE DELEGATION WOULD VISIT WESTERN AUSTRALIA IN MAY OR JUNE TO
DISCUSS WITH STATE GOVERNMENT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMPLETE
NUCLEAR RECYCLING PROGRAM IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA. THE JOINING
VENTURE WOULD INCLUDE URANIUM MINING, PROCESSING,
ENRICHMENT, REPROCESSING OF SPENT FUEL, AND RADIO-
ACTIVE WASTE DISPOSAL.

6. EMBASSY WILL SUMMARIZE PRESS REPORT IN SEPTEL.
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